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TOPIC Staaken Airfield

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1. a. Practicing with 11 fighters was started at the Staaken (N 53/Z 65) airfield at noon on 16 December 1949.

Description of fighters: Radial engine, landing gear retracting inward, rear section of cockpit fairing into fuselage, leading edge of rudder assembly straight and set at an angle of 45 degrees, trailing edge rounded, tail wheel retractable, cut wing tips, antenna rod on front section of cockpit, cockpit extending from leading edge of wings to mid-wing, presumably oil cooler under left wing close to fuselage, painted a light blue, propeller hubs red.

b. Up to three planes took off at the same time at intervals of about 50 meters. The planes landed individually at intervals of 500 meters.

2. Five DC-3s, each with a white stripe about 10 to 15 cm wide over the entire rudder assembly, were parked in front of the hangars on the south edge of the field on 9 January 1950. No aircraft were parked in the three open hangars and no flying was observed. Two fighters of two types were also parked in front of the hangars.

Description:

a. Radial engine, cut wing tips.

b. In-line engine, a small step at both upper and lower sections of engine nose, ellipsoidal wings, step under mid-fuselage.

3. The under-ground fuel dump in the north section of the field was guarded by three patrols. Another radio station

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of four masts arranged in a square and a small wooden cabin were west of the field. The radio station south of the field was removed.

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4. No aircraft or personnel.

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The radio masts south of the field were removed and only the wooden cabin still existed.

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5. A single-engine high-wing monoplane, similar to a Fieseler Storch, landed at the field at 1:30 p.m. on 9 January 1950. Six to eight DC-3s were parked in front of the flight control station. All planes had the following markings on the rudder assembly: A diagonal yellow stripe, two small white squares one above the other on trailing edge, Soviet stars. Two planes also had the figures "3" and "4". A DC-3 was standing in the center of the landing field. A group of about 10 men tunned the plane, whose engines were not running, several times around its axle, while the door on the right side was open. The plane was possibly being balanced. There was no flying until 3:30 p.m. The radio station west of the field consisted of a radio truck with antenna rod, a searchlight, a truck and a new wooden cabin with four masts arranged in a square.

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Comment:

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a. The LA fighters mentioned in para 1 were probably only temporarily stationed at the field. [redacted] no fighter regiment is stationed there.

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b. The presence of a unit equipped with Li-2s was confirmed [redacted]. It has not been ascertained whether it is a transport unit of the III Emr Corps. [redacted] the unit was stationed in Schoenwalde until September 1949.

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c. The new radio installation west of the field is probably an Adcock DF station.

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